

# Former Wife Sought As Possible Heir To \$30,000 Fortune



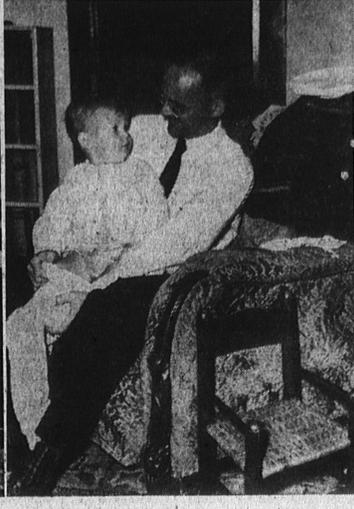
"Your Outfit . . ."



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## W. W. II Navy Veteran Called to Active Duty

Receiving a telegram worded in typical terse Navy style, an 34-year-old World War II veteran and father became one of the first local men last Friday to be recalled to active duty.

The ex-Navy ordnance specialist is Lt. Harry Burkholder, 1907 Cabrillo avenue, an industrial engineer at National Supply.

Arriving at noon on Friday, July 21, the telegram read: "Your outfit ordered to active duty. Report for duty Naval Air Station Alantitos."

Burkholder was on duty the next morning.

Helping him do a hurried job of packing was his wife, Mrs. Martha Burkholder, a member of the Torrance Junior Women's Club, and his two-year old son, David. The Navy Lieutenant and his wife are expecting a family addition in October.

**LIVED HERE FOUR YEARS**  
A resident of Torrance and an employee of National Supply since he came out of the service in 1946 as a Lieutenant Junior Grade, he was recalled to active duty as a full Lieutenant.

Asked how he felt about being recalled, Burkholder said: "I of course am not anxious to leave my family and job nor my home in Torrance. However, I have to agree with President Truman 100 per cent. If there is a job to be done we had better get in and do it. We all

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## Rotary Families To See Inventor Of 'Dagwich'

Dagwood, inventor of the gastronomic monstrosity — the multi-decked sandwich, will be the guest of the Torrance Rotary Club and their families at a special dinner meeting tonight at the Torrance Woman's Club.

The masculine half of the movie, radio, and television family — "The Bumsteads" (known in private life as Arthur Lake) will be accompanied by his canine pal, Daisy and her brood of pups.

Don Armstrong, local legal eagle, is program chairman while Bob Lewellen, printing impresario, will do the introducing.



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# Union Asks Columbia To Fire Known Reds

## Wife, Separated 25 Years, May Inherit Fortune

Search for missing heirs to a \$30,000 fortune continued this week as investigators increased their efforts to find a relative of the late Charles Weston, oil field worker, who died July 1.

Investigation by private agencies turned up considerable past history on Weston, who had lived in Torrance for 15 years. It was learned that he married a restaurant cook in Sisquoc, Calif., more than 25 years ago, and that the marriage was annulled nine months later. Weston was reported to have told friends later that his wife squandered about \$12,000 of his savings before the annulment.

Investigation of other sources revealed that Weston was apparently an adopted son and that he didn't know whether the name Weston belonged to his parents or his foster parents. No blood relatives of the deceased have been found, although a search is being made from coast to coast.

**KINSHIP DENIED**  
The deceased was not related to Mrs. Gladys Weston, of 2770 Pacific Coast highway, who is a prominent civic leader and representative of the American Red Cross on the Torrance Disaster Council, she said this week.

Reports from official sources that the estate would come to only about \$6000 was generally poo-pooed in several quarters this week. Although no authoritative estimate of the estate could be obtained, it was thought by several persons who have looked into the case to be closer to the \$30,000 reported in

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**TRAGEDY AVERTED . . .** What could have been a serious collision resulted with only minor injuries to two persons when this car and another collided Monday afternoon at 236th street and Eshelman avenue. Bill A. Fullerton, 20, of the Lomita Flight Strip, who was driving this upended auto, was not injured, but his mother, who was riding with him, was taken to Harbor General Hospital with a fractured hand. Driver of the other car, Ben M. Vaughn, of 1702 West 236th street, was not injured. His 3-year-old son, Kenneth, received minor bruises. (Herald photo).

## Who's to Tab Reds, Question

Union steelworkers yesterday asked the management of Columbia Steel to fire all known Reds working for the company.

The request in the form of a resolution was presented to the company at a morning meeting yesterday by members of the Grievance Committee of the United Steelworkers of America, Local 1414.

"We wish management to know the union's stand and that we are attempting to comply with the articles of our (the Steelworkers') constitution," Joe McNally, Jr., chairman of the committee, said yesterday.

**OFFICERS ATTEND**  
Meeting with the committee were O. A. Kresse, general superintendent of the plant, H. P. Dodson, assistant general superintendent, and Don Hyde, manager of industrial relations.

Politically the issue can be regarded as a "hot potato." McNally said the union was anxious to cleanse its ranks of all Communists, but under the terms of the Taft-Hartley law the union could not refuse membership to any person because of political affiliations.

If the company would fire any known Red, the union could then deny membership to that person since he would not be a steelworker, McNally said.

**COMPANY IN MIDDLE**  
Meanwhile, company officials were caught in the squeeze play. They, under the same law, can't fire a worker because of political affiliations alone. If a work-

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## County To Aid School Program For Recreation

At the Tuesday meeting of the Board of Supervisors, on motion of Supervisor Raymond V. Darby, the County Counsel was directed to prepare an agreement under the Community Recreation Program, not to exceed the sum of \$4822, with the Torrance Unified School District.

Supervisor Darby announced that with the county's assistance, the city of Torrance and the school district will be able to provide an expanded recreation program as follows: After school, Saturdays, holidays and teen-age program at the Perry and Seaside Elementary Schools; after school, Saturdays and holidays at the Fern Avenue School; after school, Saturdays, holidays, and teen-age program at the Torrance High School.



JAMES G. PARKS . . . A New Command

## Legion Officers To Be Installed

Newly elected officers of the Bert S. Crossland American Legion post will be installed in ceremonies conducted by the Redondo Beach post ceremonial team at the legion's border avenue hall beginning at 8 p.m. Saturday.

Legion officials estimate that approximately 200 guests, including civic leaders and public officials, will witness the ceremony.

Taking over the reins as commander of the post will be James G. Parks. He succeeds Tom Watson in the top post.

Robert Sleeth, Jr., and Joseph Piatt will take oaths as the post's new vice-commanders.

Robert Fernley will be the new post finance officer, and Ben Youngken, Jr., will be the new service officer.

Paddy Ryan, the only holdover from the old slate of officers, will resume the duties of post chaplain.

Following the installation ceremonies, an orchestra will provide music for dancing.

## MARINE SERGEANT GETS CALL FOR ACTIVE DUTY

Marine Sgt. Richard A. Muhleck, 21, of 1645 Juniper avenue, was called to active duty this week when his unit, the 11th Signal Corps, was ordered to duty.

Sgt. Muhleck, son of Mrs. John A. Muhleck, of 1645 Juniper avenue, was a member of the active reserves, and had just returned from a two-week training encampment at Camp Pendleton when he received his orders Monday.

A graduate of Gross Point, Mich., High School three years ago, the sergeant first joined the reserves in Detroit in 1946. Upon moving to Torrance two years ago, he transferred to the reserve unit here.

Muhleck was a caster at American Standard where he has been employed since coming here two years ago.

He received his orders Monday evening and was gone Tuesday morning, according to his mother.



SGT. RICHARD A. MUHLECK . . . Report For Active Duty . . .